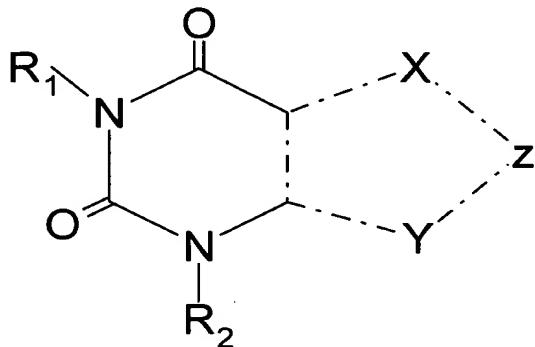


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Novel heterocyclic compounds having a six membered ring structure fused to a five membered ring structure are found to be useful for the treatment and prevention of symptoms or manifestations associated with disorders affected by Interleukin-12 ("IL-12")
 5 intracellular signaling, such as, for example, Th1 cell-mediated disorders. The therapeutic compounds, pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives (e.g., resolved enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, salts and solvates thereof) or prodrugs thereof, have the following general formula:



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Each X, Y and Z are independently selected from a member of the group consisting of C(R_3), N, N(R_3) and S. Each R_1 , R_2 and R_3 is substituted or unsubstituted and is independently selected from a member of the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, oxo, C₍₁₋₂₀₎alkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎hydroxyalkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎thioalkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎alkylamino, C₍₁₋₂₀₎alkylaminoalkyl,
 15 C₍₁₋₂₀₎aminoalkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎aminoalkoxyalkenyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎aminoalkoxyalkynyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎diaminoalkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎triaminoalkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎tetraaminoalkyl, C₍₅₋₁₅₎aminotrialkoxyamino, C₍₁₋₂₀₎alkylamido, C₍₁₋₂₀₎alkylamidoalkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎amidoalkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎acetamidoalkyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎alkenyl, C₍₁₋₂₀₎alkynyl, C₍₃₋₈₎alkoxyl, C₍₁₋₁₁₎alkoxyalkyl, and C₍₁₋₂₀₎dialkoxyalkyl.